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1. SUMMARY: BELGIAN REPORTERS ACCOMPANYING
BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET DURING HIS TWO DAY VISIT TO
KINSHASA WERE ALLOWED TO INTERVIEW FORMER ZAIRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
NGUZA KARL-BOND. THIS WAS NGUZA'S FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT SINCE
HIS RELEASE IN MID-JULY (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO THE ZAIRIAN
MEDIA, NGUZA WAS IN GOOD HEALTH, PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED HIS PAST
ERRORS, AND SHOWED HIMSELF READY TO SERVE PRESIDENT MOBUTU WHEN
AND IF ASKED. END SUMMARY.

2. ON AUGUST 3, ALL ZAIRIAN MEDIA (RADIO, THE ZAIRIAN NEWS
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AGENCY BULLETIN AZAP, THE NEWSPAPERS "ELIMA" AND
"SALONGO") PUBLISHED THE SAME REPORT ENTITLED " CITIZEN NGUZA-
KARL-I-BOND SPEAKS WITH THE BELGIAN PRESS.

BEGIN EMBASSY TRANSLATION:

" ON TUESDAY THE BELGIAN JOURNALISTS ACCOMPANYING BELGIAN

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HENRI SIMONET ON HIS VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET, PHOTOGRAPH AND FILM CITIZEN NGUZA KARL-I-BOND, FORMER COMMISSIONER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT HIS DOMICILE. THEY QUESTIONED HIM PRINCIPALLY CONCERNING THE CONDITIONS OF HIS DETENTION, THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS LIBERATION BY PRESIDENTIAL AMNESTY, AND HIS PROJECTS FOR THE FUTURE.

"CITIZEN NGUZA KARL-I-BOND , WHO CONFIRMED THAT HE HAS BENEFITED FROM ALL NECESSARY ATTENTION DURING THE COURSE OF HIS DETENTION ' WHICH EXPLAINS HIS GOOD HEALTH', REVEALED THAT HE HAS WRITTEN A MOVING LETTER TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO IN WHICH HE ADMITTED THE OFFENSES WITH WHICH HE HAD BEEN CHARGED AND WHICH JUSTIFIED HIS ARREST.

" REPLYING TO CERTAIN INSIDIOUS QUESTIONS CONCERNING HIS POLITICAL FUTURE, CITIZEN NGUZA KARL-I-BOND STATED, HAVING BEEN AMNESTIED, HE WAS CLEANSED OF HIS FAULTS AND FROM NOW ON HE WAS AT THE DISPOSAL OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO. THE DECISION AS TO HIS FUTURE LIES WITH THE PRESIDENT, HE ADDED.

" THE JOURNALISTS' CONVERSATION WITH THE FORMER COMMISSIONER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH TOOK PLACE FREELY IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS MOTHER AND WIFE , DESTROYS THE MOUNTAIN OF LYING ALLEGATIONS SPREAD AT ONE TIME BY CERTAIN MINISCULE EXILE GROUPS -- SO-CALLED 'OPPONENTS OF THE PRESENT REGIME' --AND UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFOUNDS ALL THOSE WHO SPREAD AND BELIEVE THEIR RAVINGS.

END EMBASSY TRANSLATION.
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